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SUBJ: CITY TRAMWAYS AND BUSMEN REACH AGREEMENT

REF: CAPE TOWN 0689

1. TRAMWAYS AND OMNIBUS WORKERS UNION VOTED NOV 1 TO APPROVE TWO YEAR AGREEMENT REACHED WITH CITY TRAMWAYS LTD. AFTER WEEK OF NEGOTIATIONS MEDIATED BY DIVISIONAL INSPECTOR OF LABOR DURING WHICH DRIVERS AND CONDUCTORS WITHHELD OVERTIME AND "WORKED TO RULE".

2. UNION SECRETARY D.C. BENADE EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH AGREEMENT, WHICH PRESS REPORTED WOULD YIELD PAY INCREASES OF UP TO 23 PERCENT. IN ADDITION TO DRIVERS AND CONDUCTORS, AGREEMENT COVERS MECHANICS AND CLEANERS. INCREASES APPLY ONLY TO COLORED AND WHITE MEMBERS OF UNION. AFRICAN WORKERS, WHO RECEIVE LESS PAY THAN UNION MEMBERS, ARE NOT COVERED BY AGREEMENT.

3. NEW AGREEMENT REPLACES ONE SCHEDULED EXPIRE IN MARCH AND TAKES EFFECT AS SOON AS COMPANY RECEIVES PERMISSION TO INCREASE FARES, WHICH HAVE REMAINED UNCHANGED FOR THREE YEARS.

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